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SUBJ: PRESS COMMENT ON "DETENTE" BETWEEN U.S. AND CUBA

1. IN EDITORIAL OF MAY 15, GOVT-OWNED DAILY CHRONICLE DISCUSSES MOVES TOWARDS QUOTE DETENTE UNQUOTE BETWEEN U.S. AND CUBA. CHRONICLE NOTES THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA BY OTHER LATIN AMERICAN STATES INCLUDING CARIBBEAN QUOTE BIG FOUR UNQUOTE (GUYANA, JAMAICA, BARBADOS, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO) WAS IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS ENDING ISOLATION OF CUBA AND MADE FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN US RELATIONS WITH CUBA QUOTE INEVITABLE UNQUOTE. HOWEVER, DESPITE THIS BEGINNING, U.S.-CUBA RELATIONS CONTINUED TO BE QUOTE STRAINED, BITTER, AND TENSE UNQUOTE.

2. CHRONILCE THEN OBSERVES THAT IN PAST THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS ABOUT RAPPROACHEMENT BETWEEN U.S. AND CUBA, BUT THESE RUMORS HAVE COME TO NOUGHT. ONE MUST, THEREFORE, VIEW WITH CAUTION CURRENT REPORTS OF IMPENDING DETENTE. CHRONICLE ALSO WARNS THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO ILLUSIONS QUOTE THAT OAS SOON WILL BE ONE UNITED AND HAPPY FAMILY AGAIN OR THAT THERE WILL BE ANY DIMINUTION OF NME IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE UNQUOTE.

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3. IN CONCLUDING, CHRONICLE ADVISES THAT REPORTS OF DETENTE

SHOULD NOT BE ABSOLUTELY REJECTED. CUBAN PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO'S  
REMARKS THAT LIFTING OF U.S. TRADE EMBARGO WOULD LEAD TO IMPROVED  
U.S.-CUBA RELATIONS AND SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S  
QUOTE PROMISE UNQUOTE THAT U.S. WOULD RECONSIDER ITS POLICY  
IF OAS LIFTED ITS SANCTIONS ARE CITED AS SIGNS THAT DETENTE MAY  
OCCUR.

4. COMMENT: WHILE CHRONICLE IS GOVT-OWNED AND ALWAYS ADHERES  
TO GENERAL LINE OF GOVT POLICY, EDITORIAL ON U.S.-CUBA  
RELATIONS SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS OFFICIAL POLICY STATEMENT.  
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